

state and the state of Virginia, report the same to this house forthwith.

Which was twice read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, said order was laid on the table.

Mr. Buchanan, obtained leave to bring in a bill, to incorporate the Frostburg Academy, at Frostburg in Allegany county;

Ordered, that Messrs. Buchanan, Smith and Perry, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Ordered that the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, be directed to enquire into the expediency of placing Mrs. Eleanor Neale, of St Mary's county, the widow of Colonel Henry Neale, late an officer of the revolutionary army, on the pension roll;

Mr. Hicks, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore, pay to Kitturah Wall, widow of William Wall, a soldier of the revolution or to her order ten dollars and seventy eight cents, being for three months and seven days pension due her said husband at the time of his death.

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Tuck, chairman of the committee on coloured population, delivered the following report:

The committee on the coloured population, to whom was referred a leave to report a bill to be entitled, an act to abolish the restrictions upon the admission of slaves into this State, from other States districts and and territories, ask leave to report that they have devoted the most mature consideration to this very important subject, and after a careful examination of the existing laws relating to free negroes and slaves they have arrived at the conclusion that any legislation to the end proposed by the leave, should not be adopted; they believe that the existing policy of the State is founded in a very just and comprehensive view of the best interests of the people; and that any departure from the course indicated by previous enactments, would be fraught with much injury; by defeating entirely the contemplated object before a full developement of that policy has enabled us to determine upon its ultimate consequences.

It is impossible for us now to foretell the extent or character of the influences, which the present system may ex-